

REJECTION UNDER JUDICIAL DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-20 stand finally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 5,906,223 allegedly since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent.

This rejection is no longer applicable in view of the terminal disclaimer filed herewith. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all outstanding issues have been addressed herein and that claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

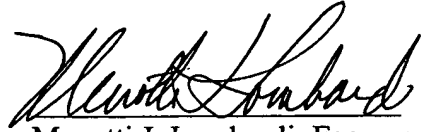
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A terminal disclaimer fee is enclosed herewith. No other fees are believed due or owing as a result of this communication.

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The Commissioner, however, is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0949.

Respectfully submitted,

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